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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the University of San Diego Teaching Kitchen in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of San Diego, located at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. The funding would be used to construct an innovative Teaching Kitchen that will actively support the crucial connection between diet, physical and mental health, and the prevention of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because numerous health assessments have identified large gaps in diet and nutrition programs, as well as high rates of chronic diseases associated with them, especially in low-income communities like Linda Vista where USD is located. Target sectors for the Teaching Kitchen include those who have limited food budgets, experience cooking healthy meals, and access to fresh and nutritious products and produce. These include students, families and the elderly who often rely on pre-cooked packaged meals, convenience stores and fast food chains, and government and nonprofit food distribution programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Jacobs".

Sara Jacobs  
Member of Congress